

PITCHER JIM SHAW FATALLY SHOT WHILE HUNTING, FELL OVER GUN

CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST OFFICIAL IN CAPITAL P. O.

Otto Praeger Alleges Failure to Co-operate and Consequent Unfitness—Case Before Postmaster General.

Name of Officer Against Whom Accusations Are Made Is Kept Secret—Friction With Heacock Is Rumored.

Postmaster General Burleson has before him for his personal consideration and decision a set of charges filed by Second Assistant Postmaster General Otto Praeger against an official in the local post-office.

Mr. Praeger charges failure to co-operate and consequent unfitness.

When questioned about the charges today Mr. Praeger said: "All I care to say is that I have filed charges against an official in the Washington city postoffice because that official has declined to co-operate in the administration of the affairs of the office."

NAME KEPT SECRET.

Asked to state the name of the official, Mr. Praeger said: "I decline to say what his name is. I think I have said enough when I state that I have filed the charges. The name of the official and the decision in the case will have to come from the First Assistant Postmaster General, under whom such matters come."

First Assistant Postmaster Roper said the charges had been turned over to Postmaster General Burleson for the latter's personal consideration. It was explained that since Mr. Praeger and Mr. Roper held coordinate offices, courtesy dictated that the charges filed by the former postmaster of Washington be passed upon by the Postmaster General.

Chief Clerk McArdle, in the Postmaster General's office, said he was not aware of the filing of the charges, and that if they were in the Postmaster General's hands, they were placed there by Mr. Roper.

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MCCHORD AGAIN TO BE C. C. MEMBER

Senator James Confident After White House Call to Urge Reappointment.

Chairman C. C. McChord, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be reappointed to membership in that body when his present term expires next month. It became known today after Senator Ollie James of Kentucky had called at the White House to urge his reappointment. While not committing the President, Senator James said that the President would be glad to reappoint McChord. McChord has been one of the most active members of the commission. He conducted the investigation of the great fair of the New Haven railroad which resulted in a \$100,000 fine. He was one of the commissioners who favored the application of the Eastern railroads for a 5 per cent increase in freight rates.

WOULD YOU SAVE IDIOT CHILD? ASKS WOODWARD

Pointing to the shift in the public conscience within recent years as to the ethical considerations involved in such cases, Health Officer W. C. Woodward today threw an interesting side light on the controversy over the defective Chicago child, whose mother, Mrs. Anna Bellinger, supports the decision of Dr. Haiselden, not to have a surgical operation performed, though such action is declared to be the only means of saving the infant's life. Dr. Woodward said:



DR. W. C. WOODWARD.

"It is impossible to discuss intelligently this particular case, because of the absence of definite knowledge concerning it. The very fact, however, that a mother who turned such a case over to the judgment of the physician, even to the extent of abiding by his decision not to operate, and even though that decision meant the earlier death of her child, is evidence that the public conscience with respect to such cases is changing."

"The very fact that such a case is regarded as within debatable ground confirms this view. A few years ago, the condemnation of mother and physician would have been universal. To reach one's real views with respect to this matter, it can not be considered in the abstract, but the circumstances must be applied directly to such a case occurring in one's own family. If there were born to you a child hopelessly a low grade idiot, suffering from serious physical defects that condemn it to a life of torture in so far as it would be capable of being tortured, and if God or nature had provided for the speedy relief of the creature, would you interfere?"

PRESIDENT URGES NAVY YARDS' BIDS HILLSTROM RESPITE LESS THAN PRIVATE

Asks Utah Governor to Delay Execution and Thoroughly Reconsider His Case. Government's Offer to Build Two Superdreadnaughts at Smaller Cost.

President Wilson today for the second time wired Governor Spry, of Utah, asking him to stay the sentence of execution passed on Joseph Hillstrom, sentenced to die Friday.

The President's telegram read as follows: "With unaffected hesitation but with a very earnest conviction on the importance of the case, I again venture to urge upon your excellency the justice and advisability of a stay of execution, and a thorough reconsideration of the case of Joseph Hillstrom."

WOODROW WILSON.

A month ago when Hillstrom was to be shot after conviction on a charge of murder, the President asked Governor Spry to halt the execution until further evidence in the case could be heard. At that time the President acted upon the earnest solicitation of the Swedish consul. The State board of pardons of Utah refused to commute Hillstrom's sentence to life imprisonment, and he was sentenced again to be executed Friday. Since that time the President has received telegrams from Swedish societies all over the country, from I. W. W. organizations and from many people interested personally in the case have flooded the White House.

Utah Gunmen Practice Firing in Preparation For Hillstrom's Death

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 17.—The five riflemen who will shoot Joe Hillstrom for the State on Friday practiced today at a target about the size of a human heart. "Good!" exclaimed Sheriff John Corle as the bullets struck almost in the center of the imaginary heart. "Aim so death will be instantaneous," he instructed the riflemen. The sound fired many volleys. Two extra shots took the target. They will replace any of the regular executioners who may weaken at the last moment. A secret meeting was held late last night between Gov. William Spry, Warder Pratt, of the prison, Attorney General Barnes and two justices of the supreme court. The significance of the three-hour meeting was not revealed. As the hour of the execution approaches, the guards around the public buildings, and body guards of officials have increased their vigilance. Searchlights illuminate the prison walls and yards at night. Hillstrom talked incessantly to the death row. He was condemned for the murder of a woman, after signs of breaking down under the terrific strain lead officials to fear that he may have to be carried to the death chair Friday.

Government navy yards went far below private bidders in the proposals opened today at the Navy Department for the two super-dreadnaughts authorized by the last Congress.

The Philadelphia navy yard was the lowest bidder. Its figures on the hull and machinery of one vessel were \$2,916,427 for turbine propulsion and \$2,734,144 for electric propulsion.

The New York navy yard bid \$2,989,922 on turbine propulsion and \$2,987,997 for electric. The Mare Island yard bid \$3,025,156 on turbine propulsion.

Three private bidders put in proposals. They were the New York Shipbuilding Company, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company and the Fall River Shipbuilding Company. Each of these bidders attached conditions to its bids and it was considered doubtful if any one came within the limit of cost.

The New York Shipbuilding Company bid \$2,700,000. The Government bids are so much lower than those of the private concerns that it is possible the Government will construct both vessels.

Show High Prices.

Both the Newport News Company and the Fall River Company prescribed certain conditions, including one that the Navy Department provide the insurance, run the trials, pay for the docking and painting of the ship during trials, and asked permission to use nickel-plated steel in place of specially treated steel, and Oregon pine in place of teakwood.

The Newport News Company wanted forty months to fulfill the contract and the Fall River Company indicated that while it would take the contract for twenty-four months, it probably would require an extension.

Not only do the bids indicate high prices for materials, but also that the shipbuilding companies are busy with general work. The bids here referred to are on hulls and machinery. A total limit of cost of each super-dreadnaught is \$15,000,000 for the completely equipped warship. It is expected the Government will build one of these vessels, presumably at the New York navy yard.

Franco-German Heavy Artillery in Action

PARIS, Nov. 17.—Heavy artillery fighting in the vicinity of Fontenoy, in Champagne, and about Villers, in the Weissenburg region, are reported in today's official communiqué. Otherwise it has been comparatively quiet on the Franco-German front.

LET DEFECTIVE BABIES LIVE, WOMEN URGE

Feminine Opinion in U. S. Appears Largely Against Chicago Doctor's Theory.

JANE ADDAMS IS OPPOSED

Miss Lathrop Also Does Not Favor Proposal to Allow Little Ones to Die.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Police Chief Healy this afternoon called a hurried conference with Commissioner of Health John Dill Robertson and Coroner Peter Hoffman to decide what action, if any those departments can take to compel the German-American hospital authorities to perform an operation to save the life of the defective infant of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bollinger.

Whether a defective infant should be allowed to die when an operation would save its life called forth a number of opinions from leading women of Washington and other cities today, though most of them held that everything possible should be done to save the child's life.

Such a case has been presented at the German-American Hospital in Chicago, where Dr. H. J. Haiselden stated yesterday that a defective baby had been born, and that, with the consent of the mother he was going to allow it to die when by operating he might save it.

Miss Lathrop's Views.

"The defective creature one sees in institutions for the feeble-minded makes one realize the tremendous problem presented by this Chicago case," said Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the government's Children's Bureau. "But I believe it is better for the living to take care of them through special guardians in the home, makes a terrible burden on the family."

"It seems almost unspeakable that a mother should be asked to allow a child, even though it be helplessly defective," said Court F. Wood, president of the District Federation of Women's Clubs, also believes that the child should be shown every care possible, but Mrs. Lyman B. Swornsted, former president of the College Women's Club, upheld the action of Dr. Haiselden and said that the child should not have its life preserved only to become a burden to itself and the community.

"I believe the Chicago physician is doing the wrong thing, because I know of a similar case here in Washington," said Mrs. Wood. "Only in this instance the infant's life was saved and it is now, if anything, a little above the normal."

Father's Awful Dilemma.

"In this case to which I refer, the doctor, at the time of the child's birth, called the father aside and asked him if the child should be allowed to live. It was a terrible position in which to place a father, especially one who had no other children, but with little hesitation he told the physician to do everything possible for it. That was seven years ago."

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SUFFERS GUNSHOT WOUND



JAMES ALOYSIUS SHAW.

Allies Form Council To Direct Operations In Every War Zone

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The French and British fighting forces are virtually one tonight.

Hitherto, although allied, they have fought more or less independently. Henceforward they will be guided from a single source—the interallies' war council.

Arrangement Perfected.

The Franco-British arrangement was perfected today. Present at this first council today were Premier Aquin, Munitions Minister Lloyd-George, First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour, and Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey, of England, and Premier Briand, War Minister Gallieni, Minister of Marine Lacaze, and General Joffre, of France.

The English group included three of the five members of the British inner war council of the cabinet. The French officials represented as nearly as possible the French cabinet. Premier Briand acts as French foreign minister, Premier Aquin as war minister of

England. Grey is not a member of the English war council, but was present because questions of foreign affairs were involved.

The Englishmen arrived in Paris last night, accompanied by their diplomatic, military, and naval advisers. The conference began early today. This afternoon it was understood its work was completed, so far as the coordination of the British and French armies work is concerned. There must be subsequent meetings to deal with fresh situations as they arise and new policies as they become necessary.

Adjustment was taken subject to call.

WILSON FROWNS ON FIGHT UPON KITCHIN

President Will Not Countenance Effort to Oust Him From Floor Leadership.

A strong intimation came from the White House today that President Wilson will not countenance a fight to oust Congressman Claude Kitchin from the House leadership.

White House officials announced that President Wilson recognizes that Mr. Kitchin is following his own convictions in opposing the Administration preparedness policy and that there is no personal feeling at the White House against the North Carolinian. It is pointed out that Mr. Kitchin has admitted that the Administration program for 1916 will go through.

It is known that the greatest pressure has been brought upon the President to take cognizance of the situation raised by the public pronouncements of Mr. Kitchin against the Wilson national defense policy. He has been urged on the one hand to say the word that would depose Kitchin and substitute as leader a man favorable to the Administration program. The President has been urged, on the other hand, to do his utmost to prevent a split among House Democrats on the eve of a national campaign.

That the President has decided to take the latter horn of the dilemma was definitely indicated today. He was led to this conclusion, it is understood, by the conviction that any fight Congressmen Kitchin may make will be minimized by the fact that the army and navy bills, on which Mr. Kitchin centers his opposition, will be in charge of other members.

BALL PLAYER NOW LYING AT POINT OF DEATH IN HOSPITAL

Entire Load of Buckshot Lodges in His Neck While in Search of Game Near Greensburg, Pa.

Accident Happened Monday. Manager Clark Griffith Tries to Communicate With Twirlers' Family.

Jim Shaw, the young pitcher of the Washington baseball club, was probably fatally injured, according to a report reaching Washington today from Greensburg, when a shotgun was discharged into his neck.

Manager Griffith, on hearing the report, immediately made efforts to get into communication with Shaw's family, who reside at 294 Forty-fifth street, but without success at a late hour today.

Shaw was out hunting a short distance from Greensburg and, while going through a thicket, stumbled and fell.

The entire load of buckshot found lodgement in his neck. He was hurried to a hospital in Greensburg where the surgeons declared him to be so seriously injured that his recovery is very doubtful.

PROMISING PITCHER.

Shaw was one of the most promising young pitchers in major league baseball until he injured his arm last summer. His speed was compared to that of Walter Johnson, and it was freely predicted that, as soon as he obtained control, he would be as powerful in the box as his illustrious team mate.

He was gradually obtaining this necessary control when he hurt his pitching arm and was of little use to the team for the last half of the 1915 season. However, it was expected that the rest received this winter would make him a winner next season.

Jim Shaw had been a member of the Washington club for two complete seasons. He came from the lots in Pittsburgh and spent a year with the York Tri-State League team before playing with the Griffins.

THREE BIG BATTLES RAGE IN SERBIA

Babuna Pass, Veles, and Strumnitz Under Attack of Anglo-French.

BERLIN (via London), Nov. 17.—Russian warships today bombarded the town of Petragge, on the Courland Baltic seacoast, now held by the Germans.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Three great battles are raging today in southern Serbia.

The capture of Babuna pass, north of Priboj, by the Bulgarians from the Serbs has reopened the way for the Anglo-French to drive upon the Nish-Constantinople railroad to block the Macedonian campaign of the Bulgarians. At Veles, French troops are directing a fierce attack along the Vardar river. Bulgar reinforcements have been rushed to the city's defense and the outcome is still in the balance.

VERMONT AVE. BLOCK IS BUSINESS STREET

Avenue Between K and L So Declared—Eight-Story Hotel to Be Erected.

Vermont avenue, between K and L streets, was declared by the Commissioners today to be a business street, following consideration of a letter from Harry Wardman, stating that he is contemplating the erection of an eight-story hotel at the northeast corner of Vermont avenue and K street.

Under the building regulations, the erection of a building of the desired height on a non-business street is prohibited, it being limited to eighty feet. On a business street the height is limited to the width of the street plus twenty feet, but in no event can it exceed 150 feet.

More than 50 per cent of Vermont avenue between K and L streets, it was stated, is now devoted to business purposes.

"The Religious Question in Mexico."

Pythian Temple, Sunday, 3 p. m. Public invited—Advt.

OVERCOME BY STORY OF HER SON'S DEATH

Mrs. John T. Norris Becomes Hysterical in Court Room at Dufour Trial.

Becoming hysterical while Assistant District Attorney S. McComas Hawken was describing to the jury how her son was fatally injured, Mrs. John T. Norris interrupted the trial of Everett Dufour on a charge of manslaughter in Criminal Court, No. 1 today, and had to be removed to her home at 912 D street northwest.

Dufour was indicted April 5 last on the charge of causing injuries to Raymond Norris, sixteen years old, from which he died later in a hospital. The accident occurred November 16, 1914, at 709th and D streets northwest. The Government will endeavor to show that Dufour was operating his automobile at an excessive rate of speed when he collided with Norris, who was riding a bicycle.

The defendant is represented by Attorney E. J. Davis and George Sullivan, and Assistant District Attorney Hawken is prosecuting for the Government.